

House Resolution No. 790

Whereas, it is with heavy hearts that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to acknowledge the significant achievements of a life gone by, that of Lottie Williams, who passed to her eternal reward on February 20, 2005; and

Whereas, Lottie Mae Williams came into this world in Kinloch, Missouri, on September 2, 1931, as the tiny infant daughter born to proud and loving parents Ora Pearl Townsend Cherry and John B. Hughes, who welcomed her into their hearts as a precious gift from God; and

Whereas, Lottie Williams was a bright and curious young woman who earned her degree in Accounting from Florissant Valley Junior College in 1972, and her Liberal Arts and Urban Affairs degrees from St. Louis University in 1980 and in 1982; and

Whereas, on June 25, 1977, Lottie embarked upon a new and exciting chapter in her life when she married her beloved Ronald D. Williams, a kind and loving gentleman with whom she shared many years of wedded success and happiness; and

Whereas, the Mayor of Velda Village from 1981 to 1983 and 1987 to 1997, Lottie Williams enjoyed employment opportunities with General American Insurance from 1966 to 1967, Bozada Drayage from 1967 to 1971, the City of St. Louis from 1971 to 1973 and 1977 to 1980, and the State Arts Council from 1973 to 1976; and

Whereas, a proud recipient of awards and honors from the St. Louis County Municipal League, Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church, and the Missouri National Education Association, Lottie Williams compiled an enviable list of service to a variety of important organizations including the League of Women Voters, Missouri Chapter of Black Mayors, Citizens for County Progress, and KIRL Radio, where she served as the co-host of a talk show; and

Whereas, Lottie Williams leaves behind to cherish her memory her devoted husband of twenty-eight years, Ronald Williams; her two daughters, Oranda Celastine Burns and Lenora Goolsby; her sister, Marion Williams; her brother, Melvin Hughes; and a host of other family and friends:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-third General Assembly, unanimously join in paying final tribute to Lottie Williams, a remarkable woman of peace and kindness in this world who will be sadly missed by all those who had the distinct pleasure of knowing and loving her; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for the loved ones of the late Lottie Williams.

Offered by _____

Representative Esther Haywood
District No. 71

Representative Juanita Head Walton
District No. 81

Representative John L. Bowman, Sr.

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Ninety-third General Assembly, First Regular Session, do
certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House
Resolution No. 790, adopted February 24, 2005.

Rod Jetton, Speaker